

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2481 – SB 2456**

January 31, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012567):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the fee schedule for court clerks set out in Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-401 apply to criminal court, fourth circuit, and the general sessions court-criminal division in counties with a charter form of government that has a population of not less than 350,000 nor more than 450,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Other Fiscal Impact – Potential changes to local government revenue. The extent of any revenue changes is dependent upon unknown factors. As a result, the fiscal impact for this bill cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100,000**  
**Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Under current law, the clerk of the criminal court, fourth circuit and general sessions court-criminal division in the Knox County charge fees pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-21-409.
- According to the Knox County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, FY10-11 fee collections totaled \$3,721,463.03.
- An exact amount of increased revenue is not quantifiable.
- Applying a five percent increase would result in approximately \$186,073 in additional collections. It is assumed that the proposed fee change will result in an increase in revenue which exceeds \$100,000.
- Any decrease in staff resources for no longer itemizing fees is considered to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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